

## CHAPTER 309

## GUBERNATORIAL SUCCESSION

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing amendments to the constitution of the state of Iowa relating to the succession of officers to the office of governor in the event of death or disability of the governor or person elected to that office and to amend section four (4) of article IV and to repeal section nineteen (19) of article IV and propose a substitute therefor.

*Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. That the following amendments to the Constitution  
2 of Iowa are hereby proposed:

3 Amendment 1. Section four (4) of Article IV of the Constitution  
4 of Iowa is amended by adding thereto the following: "If, upon the  
5 completion of the canvass of the votes for Governor and Lieutenant  
6 Governor by the General Assembly, it shall appear that the person  
7 who received the highest number of votes for Governor has since  
8 died, resigned, is unable to qualify, fails to qualify, or for any other  
9 reason is unable to assume the duties of the office of Governor for the  
10 ensuing term, the powers and duties of the office shall devolve upon  
11 the person who received the highest number of votes for Lieutenant  
12 Governor until the disability is removed and, upon inauguration, he  
13 shall assume the powers and duties of Governor."

14 Amendment 2. Section nineteen (19) of Article IV of the Consti-  
15 tution of the State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted  
16 in lieu thereof: "Sec. 19. If there be a vacancy in the office of  
17 Governor and the Lieutenant Governor shall by reason of death,  
18 impeachment, resignation, removal from office, or other disability  
19 become incapable of performing the duties pertaining to the office of  
20 Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall act as Gover-  
21 nor until the vacancy is filled or the disability removed; and if the  
22 President pro tempore of the Senate, for any of the above causes,  
23 shall be incapable of performing the duties pertaining to the office of  
24 Governor the same shall devolve upon the Speaker of the House of  
25 Representatives; and if the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
26 for any of the above causes, shall be incapable of performing the  
27 duties of the office of Governor, the Justices of the Supreme Court  
28 shall convene the General Assembly by proclamation and the Gen-  
29 eral Assembly shall organize by the election of a President pro  
30 tempore by the Senate and a Speaker by the House of Representatives.  
31 The General Assembly shall thereupon immediately proceed to the  
32 election of a Governor and Lieutenant Governor in joint convention."

1 SEC. 2. The foregoing proposed amendments to the Constitution  
2 of the State of Iowa are hereby referred to the General Assembly to  
3 be chosen at the next general election and the Secretary of State is  
4 directed to cause the same to be published as provided by law for  
5 three months previous to the time of making such choice.

Approved April 20, 1949.